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1. The following information on the Hq of the Sixth Gds Army in
Shauliai (55-50N, 23-15E) was obtained from August 1945
to April 1947: *

a. Command and rear echelon of the Sixth Gds Army: The army
headquarters was inactivated in April 1947 and all EM of the
1908 through 1911 classes were discharged; some drivers were
transferred to Riga (56-58N, 24-05E) as civilian employees.

b. Headquarters building: Former AA Artillery Barracks (one-
four-story, angular, stuccoed brick building, its main wing
about 165 feet long), located about 1,000 feet north of the
railroad station, in a city block at an intersection of main
streets, about 500 feet east of the Riga-Sovietak (55-03N, 21-54E)
highway.

c. Officers: **

CinC: General KOSHEVOI, Hero of the SU, a short, stout man.
His Soviet driver said that he was detached to a MOSCOW
officers' school in late 1946.

Chief of Transportation Section: Genmaior BABKOV.

Administration: Genmaior ABRAMOV, a Jew.

d. Motor pool: 80 motor vehicles, including 25 trucks of
various makes, operated by about 60 Soviet drivers, housed in
two large cantonment buildings and one brick building in the
western city sector.

Only General KOSHEVOI always had staff cars at his disposal.

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2. The following information on a high unit headquarters in RIGA (Latvia) was obtained from April 1947 to February 1948:

a. Command echelon: "Army corps headquarters", according to staff personnel. The headquarters was located in a detached villa on Antoniys Yela in the northern part of the city center, east of the Dvina River. Single sentries were in front of the building and double sentries at the entrance. The headquarters personnel included Generals BABKOV and ABRAMOV, who exercised the same functions as they did in SHAULYAI.

b. Administrative staff of the Okrug; in the "Ministry" building on a street paralleling the Dvina River, south of Valdemars Yela, near a park with a monument. *** The staff was charged with the administration of the entire "military apparatus" in Lithuania(sic).

The counterintelligence service, headed by a colonel (a very short, slender man), and a liaison office with the civilian espionage service were also located in the "Ministry" building.

c. Motor pool: About 80 motor vehicles, including 15 to 20 trucks, commanded by Capt BUGLOV, located on Antoniys Yela, assigned to the corps headquarters.

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[REDACTED] Soviet officers said that all units in the corps area were to be issued new motor vehicles in February 1949.

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d. Maneuvers in East Prussia: From 1 to 15 August 1947.

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[REDACTED] Several divisions with tanks (of T34 and JS types) and air force units participated in the maneuvers. A practice attack by about twenty T34 tanks and 30 to 40 Pe-2 and IL-2 aircraft against artillery emplacements (4 batteries) was observed. The uniforms worn by troops were in very bad condition.

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- * a. The SHAULYAI Hq of the Sixth Gds Army had been confirmed up to February 1947 by a German P.O. who worked [REDACTED] with the motor transport battalion of the army headquarters. Postwar information has so far indicated that the Sixth Gds Army was in command in the northern part of the Baltic MD. The report on the inactivation of the army headquarters in April 1947 must be confirmed. At least three army headquarters have so far been assumed to be in command in the Baltic MD.

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Fifth Gds Mecz Army in the East Prussian area.
Sixth Gds Army in the Latvian area.
Fifty-First Army in the Lithuanian area (according to
vague information).

The reported inactivation of the Sixth Gds Army Hq is believed to have effected the following changes of command in the Baltic MD since the Spring of 1947:

Mecz
Fifth Gds/Army in the East Prussian and West Lithuanian areas.
Fifty-First Army (?) in the East Lithuanian area, as before.
? Army in the Latvian Area.

*** b. It is believed that, following the inactivation of the Hq Sixth Gds Army, Generals BABKOV and ABRAMOV were transferred to the Hq of the II Gds Rifle Corps. This corps headquarters was assigned to the Sixth Gds Army for a long period during the war and was vaguely confirmed in the RIGA area in October 1946.

*** c. The "ministry" (administrative staff of the Okruz), located in RIGA on a street running parallel to the Dvina River, is probably occupied by offices of the Baltic MD Administration which is thus confirmed in RIGA.

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